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## OUR CHAUTAUQUA

Attendance Beyond Expectations  
Rains Raised Enthusiasm  
Dr. Cook Tonight

What promised to be a losing venture for the Commercial Club has so far been a howling, in instances, success. That the late rains did much towards loosening up sentiment and pocket books, there is no doubt, but the programs after the first numbers of the first afternoon and evening did the rest and the attendance has been much better than the most optimistic hoped for.

The sextette of juvenile so called musicians on Monday afternoon and evening was punk in every respect and put a crimp in boasting which threatened to flatten out the managers in charge and do the business for heavy loss on the club. This bunch of mavericks should be relegated to the shades of solitude and forced to practice for ten years where none but the instructor and deaf cooks could hear or see them. This aggregation now bears the title "Mankers Imperial Orchestra," and the name must have hypnotized Mr. Jones and produced its engagements, yet we confess that we would have fallen for the pianist and braved the gaff of public opinion.

The numbers for the second day were excellent. The Tolbert-McRae Concert Party would be acceptable anywhere, and G. Leslie Farnham is so far above the average chautauqua lecturer that the wonder is that he is to be found on the platform of chautauquas making such small towns. Farnham more than delighted his audience and who could not attend during the afternoon were deeply disappointed.

Miss Lucile Hitchcock who was on the latter part of the evening with selections from the melting pot was not equal to the undertaking and those who have not read the wonderful novel by Zangwill will have no conception whatever of its merits.

The afternoon of the third day opened with the Potter-DePew Trio each of whom is an artist. Dr. W. H. Blanche ended this entertainment with a lecture "Wild Oats and Other Crops" and his remarks were too pointed for several. Dr. Blanche appears to be on a campaign to educate the public mind in regard to the growing disposition to let the children know all about it as soon as possible and his statements are directly to the point. The evening of the third day needed no other than the Potter-DePew Trio to make it most enjoyable. Mr. DePew is a violinist who can play classical music faultlessly and then some, and follow it up with the sweetest song selections ever heard. Miss Potter plays the cello to perfection, but when she comes on with her children stories, she is superb and in a class by herself. It is seldom that imitation of child chatter is not a perfect bore, but Miss Potter never tires her audience; on the contrary, it appeared Wednesday evening she would not be permitted to stop, encore after encore calling her back. Miss Potter reflects much credit on Mr. Jones. The pianist was much above the average, in fact a splendid musician. In short, The Potter-DePew Trio captivated the entire audience.

The remaining numbers are known to chautauqua patrons all over the country. Dr. Frederick A. Cook having an international reputation as an instructive lecturer regardless of scientific criticism, and the University Girls who were on the program at Salisbury last season are worth hearing and seeing.

## Salisbury Scribbles

Mrs. Ella Dismukes and John W. Bailey were united in marriage at the former's home by Rev. J. P. Rice Thursday, August 10, 1916. This is a worthy couple, each embarking on the matrimonial sea for the second time and we tender our heartiest congratulations.

Saturday afternoon the fire whistle blew calling out the department to extinguish a blaze that was menacing the home of Mrs. Beckelheimer. The fire started on the right of way of the short line railroad but did not do any serious damage. Loss small.

At the Union Temperance meeting Sunday night a large crowd was present and the speeches of the two ladies present were well received. A collection was taken for the benefit of the cause.

Some of our boys became pugilistic in front of the Methodist church, Sunday night and pulled off a few blows before they could be separated, but it is hoped they will not do so again. It is natural for boys to fight but these selected a poor place for it.

Several dogs died suddenly last week, in the southwest part of town, and the suspicion is they were poisoned—nuf ced.

Mrs. J. T. Windsor was taken suddenly ill the first of the week, and for some time was very sick, but has rallied and is now some better.

Mrs. C. W. Aldridge and Miss Rosa Lee Jennings returned Monday night from an extended visit to friends in Calif.

The sewer proposition is to be submitted again. There is some opposition and the outcome of the second ballot is uncertain.

The Dickson hotel building is undergoing internal repairs, and will soon be dolled up.

Mrs. Myrtle Craven and daughters have returned from a pleasant visit to New Florence, Mo.

W. S. Gallemore, jr., is expected home this week from Woodland hospital where he has been for three weeks recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Carrie Sproul of Mexico, Mo. was here Tuesday on business.

Elmer Cox is convalescent from a recent spell of illness.

Mrs. B. R. Mason is visiting in Fayette, Mo.

N. A. Anderson, the corn man, was kicked on his crippled arm by a mule, this week, and almost put out of commission, but it takes more than a mule kick to get a good man down, and he will come again.

Robinson's show is billed for this place on the 26th and that will be the third day of the Chautauqua. This looks like doubling up on us.

W. R. Sweeney and F. B. McCurry attended the second district Republican Congressional Committee meeting Tuesday. The boys are loyal and faithful in spite of poor prospects.

T. S. Gorham is at the home of his son, Sam, north of town, suffering from something like a nervous breakdown. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Rev. Maupin of Marceline visited the family of his son here the first of the week and attended the lecture at the 1st Christian church Sunday night.

J. W. Garrett and family have moved to Moberly.

## The Blue Mark

last week was recognized by many. It will appear again next week on all papers going to subscribers in arrears. Please look at the label on your paper and see how you stand, and if behind kindly send in the amount without further notice. What is due us is needed to meet increased expense.

### W. C. T. U. Convention

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Chariton County Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Christian church at Triplett Friday Aug. 11, 1916.

The county president, Mrs. Iva M. Innis, presided throughout the convention with great tact and ability. Four county officers were present, all except the Vice President who was unable to attend because of sickness.

Delegates from the various local unions gave splendid reports and shows that Chariton county is doing all it can to put Missouri on the "Dry Line." Only seven other counties in the state have a larger membership than Chariton and they are the "Big Town" counties.

Mrs. Lizzie O. Middleton national organizer and lecturer was the convention speaker and gave some interesting and helpful short talks during the day and in the evening delivered an inspiring lecture on alcohol and its effects on the human brain using charts to illustrate her words.

The boy scouts band furnished music for the occasion. Last years staff of officers were re-elected and are as follows.

President, Mrs. Iva Innis; Vice President, Mrs. Eva Dunn; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Carril Westrup; Rec. Secretary, Miss Mabel Piggott; Treasurer, Mrs. Ella Wilson.

Pledges for State and county work to the amount of \$54 were made by the unions.

### St. Louis Trap Shoot

The nineteenth and twentieth of this month at St. Louis will be held the grand American handicap trapshooting events and all round titles will be sought by amateurs as well as two worlds titles. The shoot is the largest scheduled for this state in years and all the notables will be on hand to contest. Many of the prizes are unusually fine and competition will be strong.

There will be a shoot for women trap experts and the competition among them for the trophies which are principally Pontine hats, will be great. The Pontine hat is one of the latest "creations" and a prize worth going after.

Wash Schupbach and family have moved to town and are now living at the Walters residence near the cemetery. Wash is holding a chair at the Palace Barber shop and his many old patrons are glad to have him on the job again.

A new boy arrived at the home of J. B. Callison, the milk man, Friday, and went right into the milk business the first thing.

The wife and daughter of Chas. Blackwell have joined him in St. Jo.

Bert Conner of St. Louis is here on a visit to his mother.

The Commercial Hotel has been sold to E. J. Eastin.

### Some Coons

It is seldom that old Mrs. Coon will lead her entire family except old Mr. Coon in a place where it will be caught and extinguished, but such was the case on the night of July 4.

Uncle Marion Cox and his wife had retired and enjoying a good sleep when awakened by the barking of their dogs. This was nothing unusual except that the dogs kept up their racket. Uncle Marion settled his wives apprehension by saying that there were some boys passing from the celebration in town that night, so no investigation was made. Next morning about daylight, Uncle Marion arose and went out in the yard for a breath of morning air. He saw one of the dogs lying under the walnut tree, which stands in the yard, unable to bark but still on the job watching what Uncle Marion saw to be a coon in the top of the tree. He went for his gun and shells, only two of which he had on the place. Blazing away, down came a big coon and six others nearly grown scattered about on the limbs. Uncle Marion let go the other barrel and one of these was his. He left the dog on watch while he went to one of the neighbors and got more ammunition and bagged the other five, making seven coons in one short before breakfast hunt for the old time coon hunter.

The fact that old Mr. Coon had no curiosity concerning the whereabouts of his family saved his hide and bacon, for the nearly 80 years old, Uncle Marion can still hit em on the wing as well settin.

### Letter From Arizona

We are just in receipt of a letter from Mrs. J. A. Goll who with her son J. P. are visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. G. Wright in Nogales, Ariz.

Mr. Wright is City Ticket agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., in Nogales, which is now one of the busiest cities on the Mexican border, having a population of 8,000 and besides this there are 15,000 U. S. Soldiers camped there.

In case of war with Mexico, Nogales will be a most strategic point from the fact that the S. P. Co. have a line running from Nogales to Mexico City, which our government have already made preparations to use should war be declared.

On their trip West Mrs. Goll visited relatives in Alva, Okla. and Amarillo, Tex. In a few days accompanied by Mr. Wright and family they will leave for a tour of Calif., visiting in Los Angeles, San Francisco and stopping for a week at Lake Tahoe, the famous summer resort. Returning home via Salt Lake City and Denver. Mrs. Wright has placed her name on the roll as one of the many who wish to read the columns of the Courier each week.

Miss Martha Roesch returned to her home in St. Louis last week, after a several weeks visit to her cousin, Miss Anna Lou Fetzer, south of town.

### Pinched Without Lights

Chief Tisdale began enforcing the ordinance against perignating about the city in automobiles which have no lights after sundown, Wednesday evening and raked in four offenders. Dr. Ned Carlstead was the first to heave in sight in his fliver after supper and he was informed of the cause for his arrest as soon as he encountered the chief. Deputy Clerk Charles Hayes bowed down main street soon after Doc was apprehended only to fall into the clutches of the ordinance enforcer. Edgar Wilks with his family glided into town about the same time in his canary Chalmers and was minus a light, front or rear. Chief Tisdale landed him for the mayors court. Frank Arrington was in a hurry when he sailed down town on the way to his farm out west, but stopped when a friend signaled him to put him next. While the putting was in progress the chief walked up and made the usual announcement.

Thursday morning as the quartette drilled off to police court herded by the chief, the owners of cars out of commission, those who had thot to set their lights to burning and a multitude of business men not busy at the time enjoyed the parade and joked the victims. Mayor Agee delivered a short lecture on the safety first principle and discharged the culprits with the understanding that each would keep his lights trimmed and burning for all time to come.

### The European War

Russians are still advancing and Italian army is gaining some ground tho not so rapidly as last week. It is said that Germans blocked further advance of Russians in Poland and Austrians have checked Italian advance to some extent.

Great fighting about Verdun in France and Allies have been blocked to considerable extent tho still gaining against the Germans.

### Mexico

Troops are still being sent to the border and a number of prominent politicians have been arrested and put on trial for treason by the Carranza government.

Mrs. Wm. E. Hill and mother, Mrs. Scott have been on the sick list this week. Buddy Hundley has recovered from his affliction.

Mrs. Roy Gray and children who have been visiting relatives in Prairie Hill, came the latter part of last week for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Minter.

A. F. Tooley of Purcell, Okla., was in Brunswick Monday. He would have visited all his old friends down this way before his return home, but the prospects for getting tied up by the strike was too imminent for him to let the chance to get home escape.

A number of our citizens went to Brookfield Sunday to witness the game for the championship of Linn County between Brookfield and Marceline. The heavy rain the night before delayed the game until late and disordered the line-up but the game was pulled off, resulting in a victory for Marceline.

Misses Almeria and Anna Blair Miller returned from a visit to the family of their Uncle Herbert Miller at Rothville, the latter part of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller, Miss Jean Miller, and Lee Clair came in the Miller car with Misses Almeria and Anna Blair who enjoyed the two weeks visit to the fullest.

## SEVERAL GOOD RAINS

Soakers No Wind or Thunder  
Corn Generally Helped  
Grass Started

The long hoped for rain came this week, beginning Sunday night and continuing most of Monday morning and again Tuesday. While there was not as much as needed, the crops of all kinds are greatly benefited and trade stimulated to a considerable extent. Grass which had withered until there was none anywhere has begun to show up and wells which were all but dry supplied with a fair quantity of water.

Feeling among farmers is much better and merchants have a happier expression over the prospect for much more corn than could have been hoped for last week. Young corn is said to be greatly helped by the rain and that which will make no corn will now make a lot of good feed.

### Duly And Truly Cautions

One of the Strong Gardner Supporters in the County went to Kansas City the other day. One of the opponents of Gardner who fought the Col. on the grounds that he sent liquor to customers in cans and coffins learning of the contemplated trip, asked his friend to bring him a flask of good liquor for use by himself and daughters.

The Gardnerite refused the request, saying that some day he might be a Candidate for governor.

### Bullyragged

Jesse Hershey who lives north of town wanted to know just how much a male bovine of his weighed and, Tuesday started to lead the critter onto the scales. The one among the most prominent signs of the zodiac objected to getting on the scales and Jesse then had one of his boys apply a switch. No go. Jesse then suggested that the boy get a pitchfork and tickle the rear end of the refractory. He did, right smartly. Mr. Bull got out of that with him at the other end of the halter and stepping lively. Seeing a post ahead, Jess thot to wind rope around it and bring his advance agent to a sudden stop. He got the rope around the post alright but his hold broke loose and he was flung about 20 feet landing on his shoulder and needing a doctor.

Miss Joe Martin returned from Kirksville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hamner of Rockford were greeted by a baby boy on the 9 th.

Miss Trot Andrews of Kansas City is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Harris this week.

A big fish fry near Rufe Emersons attracted a number from town last Friday.

Mrs. Bert Meyers and children of Turney Mo. are the guests of Mrs. and Mrs. W. L. Meyers.

Miss Irene Gordon was on the sick list the latter part of last week and the first of this.

L. A. Embree of Mussel Fork shipped a lot of poultry, eggs and other stuff Wednesday.

Hon U. S. Hall was in Salisbury Wednesday on his way to Clifton Hill in the interest of his school at Glasgow.

Charlie Sasse of Dalton neighborhood was in town Sunday in his new Jack Rabbit car. A number of our young belles become excited when a fine car driven by a good looking chauffeur makes its appearance.